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MacBundy
Ball
2/11/65, 10:45 A.M.

Bundy asked who is the direct officer on top of Jordan-Israel. Bundy wanted to report that he had told Harmon that Komer was going. Ball informed Bundy it was ordinarily Jernegan but he is away today and therefore Bundy should talk to Roger Davies.

Bundy informed Ball of Komer's instructions and asked if they had been ~~xxxx~~ cleared with Ball. Ball said he did not believe they had been sent to the Dept. Bundy said he would send over a carbon copy direct to Ball because he did not like to show these things to the President without Ball's seeing them. Ball said they could discuss the instructions at the Cabinet meeting today.

Bundy said the Pres. wants to have an informal luncheon with some of the "old hands" on foreign Affairs. The following list was discussed:

Bruce, Lovett, Black, Acheson (out of town), McCloy (Out of town), Bunker, Art Dean (no), Allen Dulles, Gruenther(no), Gilpatric (no).

It was decided for this informal luncheon the Secretary should not be bothered.

Ball inquired about the possibility of cranking-up a meeting with President for 2 hours to go through the V-N situation--where it is leading. Bundy said he would like to sit down with Ball, McNamara, to discuss this and then approach the President. It was agreed to have lunch in Ball's office tomorrow at 1:00 for this discussion. Those present will be Ball, Bundy, McNamara, and Thompson.

Ball asked how the Cabinet meeting should be handled this afternoon. Ball and Bundy decided it should be more candid than the sessions with the Congress.

Ball told Bundy he did not send the telegram to Bonn. Bundy said that was o.k.

Bundy suggested that it would be very valuable and productive if Harriman got together with Fineberg and "brain-washed" him. Ball said he would ~~xxxxxxx~~ see that this was done.
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